

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**A QUANTITATIVE ASSAY FOR NUCLEIC ACIDS**

the specification of which

(check [X] is attached hereto  
one)

[ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No.  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application.

I do not know and do not believe that the invention was in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known by me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

			<u>Priority Claimed</u>	
			[ ] Yes	[ ] No
_____ (Number)	_____ (Country)	_____ (Day /Month/Year Filed)		

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>60/265,143</u>	<u>January 30, 2001</u>
(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)
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(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or under § 120 and § 365(c) of the same Title of any international application(s) designating the United States listed below.

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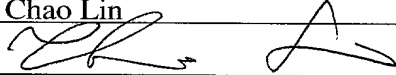
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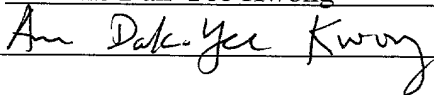
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